Sl. No	Ministries/Deptts.
24.	Ministry of Labour
25.	Ministry of Law & Justice
26.	Deptt. of Mines
27.	Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources
28.	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and pensions
29.	Ministry of Planning
30.	Ministry of Power
31.	Ministry of Railways
32.	Ministry of Science and Technology and Deptt. of Ocean Development
33.	Ministry of Steel
34.	Ministry of Shipping
35.	Ministry of Textiles
36.	Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation
37.	Ministry of Water Resources
38.	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
39.	Deptt. of Information Technology
40.	Ministry of Small Scale Industries
41.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
42.	Ministry of Road Transport and National Highways

Registration of marriages

2214. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether registrations of marriages have been made compulsory in the State of Andhra Pradesh as is being done in the case of births and deaths;

(b) if so, the names of States which are following this practice;

(c) what steps are being taken by Centre to make the other States fall in line so as to avoid the menace of the bigamy for which women are increasingly falling prey;

(d) whether the Government propose to introduce a Central legislation for compulsory registrations of marriages in India like registrations of births and deaths; and

(e) if so, when will it be initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Himachal Pradesh, Goa and Maharashtra.

(c) Registration of marriages solemnized or contracted under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936 and the Special Mariage Act, 1954 is compulsory. Section 8 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 provides that if the State Government is of opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may provide that the entering of the particulars of Hindu Marriages in the Hindu marriage register shall be compulsory in the State or in any part there of, whether in all cases or in such cases as may be specified. Registration of marriages solemnized otherwise than under the Special Marriage Act, 1954 is permissible under section 16 of the said Act if such marriages fulfil certain conditions as laid down under chapter III of that Act. the question of making registration of Hindu marriages compulsory could thus be considered by the State Governments as per the local situations prevailing in those States.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Refusal for Padma Bhushan Award

2215. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recipient of Padma Bhushan award this year has refused to accept it; and